number of measures to ensure full coverage of the syllabi within the limited time but the whole process got disrupted due to law and order situation and also on account of the strike by employees for over two and half months.

Tamralipte Rural Museum

2769. SHRI SATYA GOPAL MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to sanction funds to Tamralipte Rural Museum, West Bengal for the construction of its building,

(b) if so, the details thereto; and

(c) the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Primary School in each Revenue Village

2770. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to have a primary school in each revenue village in the country;

(b) if so, the total number of villages which are yet to have a primary school at present;

(c) whether it is a fact that for five classes of a primary school only two or three teachers are being appointed in some of the States of the Union; and

(d) if so, what are the guidelines issued by the Union Government to the States in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). The programme of Action drawn up to implement National Policy on Education, 1986 recommends that all habitations with a population of 300 (200 in case of tribal, hilly, desert areas) should be provided a primary school within 1 km walking distance. The criteria for making the provision is the population in habitations and not the revenue village. According to the Fifth All India Educational Survey conducted by N.C.E.R.T. with reference date of 30th September, 1986, 6.08% of habitations with a population of 300 or more do not have a primary school/section within a walking distance of 1km.

(c) and (d). The recommended teacher pupil ratio is 1:40 at primary stage. In addition, the National Policy on Education recommends that in order to improve the quality of primary education eventually there should be one teacher per class. The existing teacher pupil ratio is 1:43. States are encouraged to increase the existing numbers as early as possible.

Publishing of speeches and Writings of Dr. Ambedkar

2771. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to publish the speeches and writings of Dr. Ambedkar on the occasion of his birth centenary year on the lines of the publication of the collected works of Mahatma Gandhi and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). A proposal to

publish the writings and speeches of Dr. Ambedkar in Hindi and other Indian languages is under consideration.

Special Programmes for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes

2772. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the special programmes and schemes exclusively applicable to the Scheduled Castes and scheduled Tribes; and

(b) the allocations made programme-wise, scheme-wise and State-wise, in the last Plan and for the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). The details are given in Statements I, II and III.